



**EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 11, 2010**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at Austin City Hall, Room #1101, 301 West Second Street, in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in attendance are listed on the attached attendance roll sheet. Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff in attendance were David Lurie, Melanie Miller, Susan Gehring, and Ron Hubbard. Jacquie Porter, Lisa Martin, Miriam Nisenbaum, Renee Hanson, Chantel Bottoms, Sherry Trebus, Cindy Gamez, Dana Perez, Lou Mar Guerard, Cris Perez, and Kristie Hagar attended as guests.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Aletha Huston called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** The Chair asked the guests to introduce themselves.

2. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None.

3. **PRESENTATIONS:**

David Lurie and Melanie Miller presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget and asked for recommendations.

Lou Mar Guerard and Dana Perez presented an update about Child Care Licensing including the proposed changes to the standards. Handouts were provided. Chair Huston asked the Policy Committee to look at recommendations regarding the licensing changes. The Provider Committee will work with the Policy Committee.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the regular meeting on April 13, 2010 were approved on Council Member Keith-Thompson's motion with Council Member Black's second on a 11 – 0 vote. The minutes from the special called meeting on April 20, 2010 were approved on Council Member Keith-Thompson's motion with Council Member Black's second on a 11 – 0 vote.

5. **STAFF BRIEFING:** Susan Gehring reviewed HHSD's plans to use the former FamilyConnections funding to purchase services from other providers.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. **EXECUTIVE** – The pending City Council resolution related to the FamilyConnections funding and services was discussed. Chair Huston said that she would attend the Council meeting.

- b. POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH – Council Member Rodriguez discussed the progress on the downtown child care survey. It was suggested that the summer is a poor time to conduct a survey.
- c. PROVIDERS – Council Member Sanford reviewed the proposed agenda for the June 3rd evening ECC meeting. The June 3, 2010 special called meeting agenda was approved on the Committee’s recommendation on a 8 – 0 vote with Council Members Keith-Thompson, Briley, and Paver having left the meeting before the vote.
- d. FINANCE – Council Member Carpenter led the discussion about HHSD’s proposed plan for the unallocated early childhood funding including short and long-term plans. The ECC endorsed the Plan as presented by HHSD on Vice-Chair Holder’s motion with Council Member Rodriguez’s second on a 8 – 0 vote.

She also presented updated talking points for the ECC funding recommendations. The talking points were approved on Council Member Carpenter’s motion with Council Member Elsner’s second on a 8 – 0 vote.

- 7. SUCCESS BY 6: Council Member Carpenter updated the ECC on SB6 activities. SB6 conducted a survey of child care center directors and data from the survey was reported.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Huston adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. without objection.

Early Childhood Council

Attendance - 12 Month

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

	LAST	FIRST	JUNE 09	JULY 09	AUG 09	SEPT 09	OCT 09	NOV 09	DEC 09	JAN 10	FEB 10	MAR 10	APR 10	4/20/10 Special	MAY 10
1	Black	Albert	1	1	X	X	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	Briley	Sandy	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1
3	Carpenter	Sue	X	1	1	1	X	X - Harlem	1	1	X - Work	1	1	1	1
4	Cloud	Ariel	1	1	X	1	E	1	1	E	1	1	1	1	X
5	Elsner	Larry				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	Holder	Kyle	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7	Huston	Aletha	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	Keith-Thompson	Debra						1	E	1	1	1	1	X	1
9	Paver	Rhonda	1	1	X	1	1	E	1	1	1	X	1	1	1
10	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	1	1	1	E	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
11	Rosofsky	Natasha			1	1	1	1	X - Israel	1	1	1	E	1	1
12	Sanford	Margie	1	1	1	1	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13	Wallace	Avis	E	E	1	1	E	1	1	1	E	1	1	1	E
	Total Members Present		n/a	n/a	n/a	10	6	11	11	11	11	12	12	12	11
							No Quorum								

Present = 1, Absent excused = E,
Absent unexcused = X